

P14, Bill 59

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Committee  
Agenda Item Bill 59  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Dennis "Fresh" Onishi and I am writing in opposition to Bill 59, relating to the use of plastic bags. Please base your vote on the facts and not myths. Honolulu City and County has the resources to curb the problem of littering. Yes, we must protect our ocean environment and our aina. But you must ask yourself, is this a littering problem or is it a problem that our residents and tourist don't care about our environment? If you picked either one, there are other choices you can do before you pass Bill 59. One thing that Honolulu City and County has that the other Counties don't have, is a "waste to energy" facility. By having this facility, your County does not see the problems we face by having our water resources being contaminated by open landfills.

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Hawaii County passed a bill similar to what is being proposed in banning plastic bags at a certain weight. The argument was the "plastic bags" at the time was being found on highways, roadways, parks, beaches and in the ocean which were destroying our reefs and sea life. This is a littering problem that is caused by the resident or tourist of that island. Should we, as elected officials create a ban because we cannot increase enforcement? So what will be the next "BAN"?

Therefore, before you consider passing Bill 59, please look outside the box before you cast your vote.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi

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